

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ROTARY-WING AND OTHER AIRCRAFT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,125,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED, FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT, FOR DEVELOPING OF ROTARY-WING AND OTHER AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED BY THE ACT APPROVED JUNE 30, 1938

FEBRUARY 16, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 16, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation, in the amount of \$1,125,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until expended, for the War Department, for development of rotary-wing and other aircraft authorized by the act approved June 30, 1938.

The details of this supplemental estimate of appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 15, 1939.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1939, to remain available until expended, for the War Department for the development of rotary-wing and other aircraft, amounting to \$1,125,000, as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT

Development of rotary-wing and other aircraft: For rotary-wing and other aircraft research, development, procurement, experimentation, and operation for service testing, as authorized by the act approved June 30, 1938 (52 Stat. 1255) and for all purposes authorized therein, including the employment of personnel in the departmental service at the seat of Government, printing and binding, and travel of military and civilian personnel engaged on work for which this appropriation is made, fiscal year 1939, to remain available until expended, \$1,125,000, of which amount the sum of \$600,000 shall be exclusively available for the placing of contracts for the construction of improved and experimental types of rotary-wing and other aircraft by private industry.

The act of June 30, 1938 (52 Stat. 1255), authorized and directed the Secretary of War to proceed immediately with the research, development, procurement, experimentation, and operation for service testing of rotary-wing and other aircraft in the interest of national defense and the needs of other governmental activities and of American commercial and civil aeronautics. In addition to certain national-defense agencies under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of War, the act authorizes and directs certain specified agencies in the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Treasury, Commerce (Bureau of Air Commerce, now Civil Aeronautics Authority), and Navy, the Post Office Department, and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, to submit to the Secretary of War plans and estimates of requirements for research, development, procurement, experimentation, and operation for service testing of rotary-wing and other aircraft and authorizes the appropriation to the War Department of \$2,000,000, from which the Secretary of War shall approve, apportion, and allot the necessary funds which in his discretion may appear proper for each such agency. The act further provides that the agencies concerned shall make reports to the Secretary of War showing the progress of the work in hand, future programs, if any, and recommendations—special emphasis to be placed on the utility of rotary-wing and other aircraft at the present time and the promise this type of aircraft holds for the future.

The Secretary of War has contacted all of the agencies enumerated in the act and has developed a coordinated program to carry out the aims and purposes of such act and advises that to finance this program will necessitate the appropriation at this time of \$1,125,000.

The above supplemental estimate of appropriation is made necessary by legislation enacted since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

F. J. BAILEY, *Executive Assistant*,
(For and in the absence of the Acting Director
of the Bureau of the Budget).

